



November 17, 2008

Paula Dees, Executive Assistant Highlands Water Protection & Planning Council 100 North Road Chester, NJ 07930-2322

RE: Notice of Intent

Dear Paula:

As per our telephone conversation this morning, enclosed is a certified copy of our Resolution #2008-149 that was adopted by the Bedminster Township Committee at their meeting on October 20, 2008. I apologize for the delay, I thought a copy had been sent to you. Please contact me if you need anything additional.

Sincerely,

Judith A. Sullivan, RMC Township of Bedminster Explanation: This resolution provides a Notice of Intent to conform to the Regional Master Plan to the

Highlands Council.

BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION 2008-149

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PETITION THE HIGHLANDS COUNCIL FOR PLAN CONFORMANCE

WHEREAS, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (Highlands Act), <u>N.J.S.A</u>. 13:20-1 *et seq.*, finds and declares that protection of the New Jersey Highlands is an issue of State level importance because of its vital link to the future of the State's drinking water supplies and other key natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Act creates a coordinated land use planning system requiring the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (Highlands Council) to prepare and adopt a Regional Master Plan for the Highlands Region and requiring that within nine to 15 months after September 8, 2008, each county and municipality located wholly or partially in the Preservation Area must submit a Petition for Plan Conformance to the Highlands Council for that portion of its jurisdiction lying within the Preservation Area; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Act specifies that conformance with the Regional Master Plan (Plan Conformance) requires revisions to municipal and county master plans and development regulations as applicable to the development and use of land to align them with the goals, requirements, and provisions of the Regional Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council's Plan Conformance Guidelines require that for jurisdictions with any lands in the Preservation Area, a Notice of Intent to conform to the Regional Master Plan must be submitted to the Highlands Council as soon as practicable, but not later than February 1, 2009 and that for any lands in the Planning Area, a Notice of Intent may be submitted at any time; and

WHEREAS, Bedminster Township lies within the Highlands Region as defined by the Highlands Act; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Bedminster believes that it is in the best interest of the Township of Bedminster to conform to the Regional Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Bedminster hereby provides the Highlands Council with this Notice of Intent to petition the Highlands Council for Plan Conformance for all lands lying within the Preservation Area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, This Notice of Intent additionally specifies that the Township Committee of the Township of Bedminster intends to include all lands lying with the Planning Area in the petition. In accordance with the Highlands Council's Plan Conformance Guidelines, this Notice of Intent is not binding with respect to lands within the Planning Area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Notice of Intent provides notice to the Highlands Council that the Township Committee of the Township of Bedminster has set June 1, 2009 as the target date for submission of a Petition for Plan Conformance.

ATTEST:

Judith A. Sullivan, Township Clerk

Robert F. Holtaway, Mayor

BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE:

CERTIFICATION

I, JUDITH A. SULLIVAN, Township Clerk of the Township of Bedminster in the County of Somerset, New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Bedminster at a regular meeting of said Township Committee held on October 20, 2008.

Judith A. Sullivan, Township Clerk